

Please take the action indicated below:

Cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-10 have been rejected finally.

Claims 11-20 have been allowed since the prior art does not teach a method of treating iron deficiency comprising providing a drug reservoir layer containing a hematinic substance secured to the skin surface.

**CONCLUSION**

With the action that has been taken, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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